

## MAY RESULT IN MURDER.

SERIOUS STABBING AFFRAY BETWEEN ITALIANS LAST NIGHT.

Police Commissioner Gihuly Blew His Whistle and the Assailant Was Promptly Arrested—The Victim's Condition is Extremely Critical.

Luigi Diateria, an Italian, was arrested last night by Officer John Roche and locked up in the Grand avenue precinct, charged with assault with intent to kill, and the probabilities are that this morning the charge will be changed to the more serious one of murder. His victim, Alfonso Calzillo, spent the night in the hospital, suffering with a stab wound in his bowels on the left side of the body.

Shortly before 10 o'clock last evening an Italian was seen running down Hamilton street from Grand avenue by Police Commissioner Daniel S. Gihuly. The commissioner watched the fellow, who called out as he raced by him, "me all right." The commissioner was, however, not satisfied with this, and immediately blew his police whistle, and within fifteen minutes the would-be murderer had been captured.

In response to the whistle Patrolman John Roche was promptly upon the scene, and he and the commissioner ran after the fleeing Italian, finally capturing him at the corner of Greene and Hamilton streets. While they were chasing the Italian, some boys who were in the crowd attempted to throw barrel hoops over the fellow's head in order to stop him, but their efforts in this direction proved futile.

In the meantime Commissioner Gihuly had discovered another Italian lying prostrate on Hamilton street, with blood gushing from a stab wound in his left side. Dr. Baker was hastily summoned, and after one glance saw that the man was in a critical condition and ordered his immediate removal to the hospital. The police wagon was called and the victim taken to the hospital, where it was stated his condition was extremely critical.

When Diateria began running he had a knife in his right hand, but during his flight he managed to get rid of it, and when captured there was no knife about him. A careful search was made for it, but up to a late hour last night it had not been found. Some boys did, however, pick up the handle of a knife, the blade of which had been broken off close to the handle, and this fact gave rise to the statement that the knife had been broken off and that the blade was still in Calzillo's wound. Neither of the Italians can speak English, and consequently it was impossible to ascertain where or about what the stabbing took place.

There were two punctures, made evidently by a round instrument, above the left groin. At a late hour this morning the operation of laparotomy was being performed upon Calzillo in the Farnam amphitheater at the hospital by Dr. Thomas H. Russell, assisted by Dr. William H. Carmalt.

**PICKETT STRUCK WITH A PICKET.**  
Shortly before 11 o'clock another man was sent to the hospital from the Grand avenue precinct. The victim this time was John Pickett of 89 James street, and his assailant was John A. Morris of 25 Collis street. As the former was walking along the street at the corner of Chapel and East streets Morris rushed upon him and without provocation struck him a blow across the face with a fence picket.

Pickett was rendered unconscious, but soon revived, when it was ascertained that his nose was broken. He was removed to the hospital, and Morris was placed under arrest.

**Brooklyn Wins.**  
Atlanta, Ga., April 4.—The Brooklyn opened with the Atlanta this afternoon in the presence of a large crowd, and put up an interesting game. The score: Atlanta 7, Brooklyn 17.

**Killed by a Horse.**  
Providence, April 4.—John Adams, aged thirty-five, a well known resident of Johnston, was killed in a barn on Brown street in that town this afternoon by a kicking horse owned by Charles Siegel.

**A Remarkable Showing.**  
New York, April 4.—The Wisconsin Central reorganization committee announces that it has now on deposit \$5,000,000 bonds and others coming rapidly. The committee expects to make application to the New York stock exchange Monday next for the listing of the certificates of deposit. This is a remarkable showing for the brief time the committee has been in existence.

**Bridgeport Doctor Sued.**  
Bridgeport, April 4.—The suit brought by Attorney J. B. Parker of Nashua, N. H., against Dr. W. C. Bowers of this city, was decided to-day in favor of the defendant. The cause was a novel one, and the outcome has been watched with great interest by lawyers. Attorney Parker attempted to collect for Dr. Bowers a bill owed in Nashua, and contracted about five years ago. The lawyer was to receive a commission. He failed to collect the bill, and later sued Dr. Bowers to recover for his services. The decision was given to the defendant on the ground that the plaintiff is an attorney without the state, and was engaged in business outside the state.

**Bank Examiner Resigns.**  
Somerworth, N. H., April 4.—Charles M. Dorr, national bank examiner for New Hampshire, has tendered his resignation to Comptroller Eckels, to take effect at the pleasure of the latter.

## A. P. A. ISN ALIVE YET.

Interesting Result of a Caucus Held in New Britain.

New Britain, April 4.—At the republican caucus here to-night there was a little flash in the pan which indicated that Apalism in New Britain is not entirely dead. At a joint meeting of the aldermen and councilmen held a few nights ago the name of Edward M. North was put up for a police commissioner. He received all of the votes but one, that one being Samuel Muir, who positively refused to vote for North. It was expected, therefore, that at to-night's caucus Muir would be slaughtered in his efforts to secure a nomination for the common council. Out of a total of 324 votes, however, Muir received 23, and as a nomination is equivalent to an election, Mr. Muir goes in next Monday, which is election day. Democrats argue this: That Muir ordinarily would have been torn to pieces by his party for refusing to support its candidate, and the fact that he was not defeated leads them to believe that A. P. A. may be at the bottom of this matter.

**Business Is Booming.**  
Wallington, April 4.—Business at the factories of the Insulated Wire company and the Metropolitan Rubber company is rushing. The hands were working last night and to-night. Large orders necessitate extra running time.

**Confessed His Guilt.**  
Boston, April 4.—On September 24 last George H. Wheeler, Jr., a trusted clerk in the employ of Chandler & Co., dry goods, 27 and 29 Winter street, was sent to the bank with a \$2,300 check, with the proceeds of which he ran away. Since that time he has visited Germany, Italy, Japan and Australia, and but recently returned to the home of his parents in Chelsea, where he was arrested to-day. He confesses his guilt. Wheeler is twenty-three years of age, and of respectable family. He was educated in the public schools of Chelsea, and served for a term on the Scholarship Enterprise in Boston harbor.

**Will Push the Bills.**  
Albany, April 4.—The Lexow police bills were introduced in the assembly to-day. Members asserted this afternoon that the introduction of these bills means that all city legislation to be pushed in the assembly and that the Lexow bills as they stand will be pushed by the assembly.

**Telegraph and the Press.**  
London, April 4.—Arnold Morley, postmaster general, spoke in the house this evening concerning the business relations of the government telegraphs and the newspapers. He reiterated the statement made by him last month before the congress of the chambers of commerce that the government's loss upon press telegrams was £300,000. He was willing to institute an impartial inquiry, he said, if he could get the assurance that the press would abide by the result and assent to a legislative revision of the tariff.

**New York and Pennsylvania.**  
New York, April 4.—The New Yorks opened the local ball season to-day with the University of Pennsylvania team at the Polo grounds. The weather was clear, but quite cold, and the attendance did not exceed one thousand. The home players worked hard and batted the college pitchers very freely, but the Pennsylvanians made a most excellent showing in the field. Ruste, Meekin and German pitched three innings each. Score: New York... 3 2 2 0 4 1 0 \*—21 U. of P.... 0 0 2 0 0 0 0—4.

**Hits—New York 18, Pennsylvania 7. Errors—New York 3, Pennsylvania 2. Batteries—Ruste, Meekin, German, Farrell and Wilson; Shoehut, Dickinson and Brennan.**

## HIS MIND A BLANK.

William Holzheuer Knows Nothing of the Shooting.

New York, April 4.—William Holzheuer was arraigned before United States Commissioner Shields to-day in extradition proceedings, charged on complaint of British Consul Sanderson with having feloniously assaulted Captain McNeill of the Nova Scotia bank. J. H. Marsters by firing five shots at him from a revolver on March 25. Holzheuer, if held, will have to stand to trial in Canada.

Holzheuer told his counsel that he knew nothing whatever about the shooting, and that his mind was a perfect blank on the subject. To a reporter the prisoner said that he had never had trouble of any kind with Captain McNeill. He could not account for the shooting and could not think of any provocation. The prisoner said that some years ago his head had been cut open clean across the forehead, since which time he had frequently suffered from severe pains in the head and complete lapses of memory.

**Bicycle Bells Must Be rung.**  
Acting upon the suggestions in the "Journal and Courier" of last Monday morning, Superintendent of Police Treadwell Smith last night issued orders to the patrolmen to be especially vigilant and see that the city ordinance requiring bicycle bells to be rung within thirty feet of a crosswalk is rigidly enforced.

**Foot Guard Band Fair.**  
The fair given by the Second Company Foot Guard band is attracting large crowds every evening. Last night's specialties were a fancy gaudy danced by Professor M. Del Greco and Miss Grace Walker, recitations by Mr. Fahy and little Miss Beulah Barker. To-night the band will escort the members of the Second company Governor's Foot Guard from the armory after the regular meeting of the Guard, which will be about 9 o'clock.

## AGAINST THE CATHOLICS.

THE SCHEME OF THE NEW YORK POLICE JUSTICE BILL.

Elbridge T. Gerry said that he was afraid that the American Protective Association was back of the movement and that the features were anti-Catholic.

Albany, April 4.—A final hearing on the New York city police justices bill, which abolishes the justices and provides for nine police magistrates, was held before the senate judiciary committee this afternoon. Elbridge T. Gerry asked to have twenty sections of the bill stricken out as unnecessary and vicious. He said the judges are eminent criminal lawyers. He intimated that social, political and religious prejudices were shown in the drafting of the bill. Perhaps, he said, there were too many democrats and Catholics in the courts. Senator O'Connor asked if the peculiar features were not really anti-Catholic.

Mr. Gerry answered that they might be. Senator O'Connor asked if it was not possible that those back of the bill wanted to get justices who would discriminate in favor of a sect.

Mr. Gerry stated that he felt certain something of the kind was intended. Senator McMahon assented to this idea. Mr. Gerry said he understood the bill was drawn by the committee of ten for the committee of seventy. Senator O'Connor intimated that the A. P. A. was back of these. Mr. Gerry was afraid there was something in these stories.

Senator O'Connor noted that none of the friends of the bill appeared, although all had been notified.

Several gentlemen, including Justices Feltner and Taintor, made arguments against the bill.

## DIFFERENCE OF OPINION.

No Signs of Wholesale Removal of Massachusetts Mills.

Boston, April 4.—The Globe says that from what can be picked up from the gossip around the state house it appears that the labor section of the report of the committee on mercantile affairs on their trip south to find out why the mills of Massachusetts wish to go south is one upon which there is a wide difference of opinion among the various members. The report will say that at present there are no signs of a wholesale removal of Massachusetts mills to the south as there are more spindles in Massachusetts than in the past. The report will not speak hopefully of the scheme of establishing mills near cotton fields or near coal mines as cheapness will be equalized by expenses in another direction.

The report will not speak hopefully of the scheme of establishing mills near cotton fields or near coal mines. The report will give the following distinct causes which are attracting the cotton industries of New England to the south: Nearness to cotton fields, cheap tenements, cheap coal, mild climate, low taxes, abundant water power and absence of restrictive labor laws.

On the labor question, which is really the most important part of the report, is where the division of the committee is really the greatest as the portion of the report submitted advises national legislation in the hours of labor for women and children and asks that the commonwealth take steps toward securing such legislation.

## ANOTHER POOL FORMED.

It Is Between the General Electric and Westinghouse Companies.

New York, April 4.—The deal between the General Electric and Westinghouse companies has been practically completed. A plan for pooling the patents of the two companies has been approved by their executive committees and all that remains is for the committees to formally sign it. This action has been delayed by the inability of J. Jefferson Coolidge, a director of the General Electric, to attend a meeting up to this time on account of personal affairs.

Under the pooling arrangement each company will have the right to manufacture under the other's patents. The companies will contribute a certain percentage of their earnings to a common fund to be used in defending their patents against infringements by other companies. Such part of the fund as is not used will be returned to the companies at intervals in proportion to their contributions. The litigation between General Electric and Westinghouse companies heretofore has entailed on them an expense of \$1,000,000 a year.

## Changes on the Chicago.

Washington, April 4.—The inspection board has recommended a number of changes in the cruiser Chicago, among which is the doing away with her sail power and six-inch guns. In place of the sail masts military masts are raised and in place of the six-inch guns a five-inch rapid fire battery is proposed. It is estimated that it will require two years to put the Chicago in condition.

## Queen Gave a Small Dinner.

London, April 4.—A dispatch sent from Nice at 8:30 this evening says that the queen this afternoon visited the zoological garden and upon her return gave an audience to the Comtesse Trani. Later in the day she drove to Sabon and paid a visit to the Duchess of Saxe-Coburg and this evening gave a small dinner party at the Climex hotel.

## To Increase Wages.

Lawrence, Mass., April 4.—The operatives of the Washington mills were notified this afternoon they would receive an increase April 8. The amount was not given and Agent Chapin would say nothing.

## BIRDS WERE LIVELY.

Good Shooting Was Done at the American Handicap.

Paterson, N. J., April 4.—The American handicap attracted a large crowd to Willard Park on the second day of the interstate shooting tournament. More than sixty of the leading wing-shoots of the country were entered in the handicap. Many friends of the visiting contestants came from distant cities to witness the shoot. The wind, which was blowing from the northwest, made the birds lively.

At the close of the tenth round the handicap adjourned.

Thirteen men were posted as having been dropped because each had missed three birds. It was also stated that several of the shooters who had scored only eight birds each would withdraw from the contest.

The following scored ten each: Edey, Clark, Zwirlein, Bower, Thomas, Ivins, Messer, Appgar, Elliott and Kelsey.

The sportsman handicap, which was started last evening on the western traps, ended this afternoon, twenty finishing with seven birds killed. They decided to shoot off miss and out until there were only seven left. The following finished the purse:

Clark, Arnold, Ingersoll, Duston, Mayhew, F. E. Bennett and Captain Money.

The highland sweepstakes opened on the western traps with forty-two entries. The conditions are seven birds, class shooting twenty-eight yards rise. The match was not closed, there being one more round to be shot.

## Building Waterlogged.

Amherst, Mass., April 4.—The Chl Phi fraternity house took fire this afternoon from a fireplace in a room occupied by F. P. Trask. The fire did a little damage in the upper stories, but the entire building was waterlogged. The contents of the building were mostly saved. Mr. Trask had left town for the evening and no members of the fraternity were in town excepting C. H. Edwards '88, it being the spring vacation. The house is valued at about \$6,000 and is insured for \$5,000.

## For Prince Leopold.

Providence, April 4.—It now appears that the twenty-center hotel launched at Bristol last Saturday is for Prince Leopold of Hohenzollern. At least that is what was announced at Bristol to-day.

## Situation Is Unchanged.

Portsmouth, N. H., April 4.—The situation between the rival police forces remains unchanged. In view of Judge Emery's taking the probate court room in the county building for holding the police court, Mayor Berry to-night caused notice to be served on Judge Emery and county commissioners that the city would not be responsible for any damage to the county building or pay for the same as the city had provided a suitable room in the city building.

## Nothing Yet Heard.

Washington, April 4.—Nothing has been received at the state department or the Mexican legation respecting the reported arrest and illegal imprisonment of E. P. Thresher and family of Cambridge, Mass., while traveling in Mexico recently. Minister Romero said to a reporter for the United Press to-day that he would investigate the report and communicate the result of his inquiry to the public and also to the state department if it warranted him in so doing.

## Big Advance in Wages.

Philadelphia, April 4.—Thomas Dolan & Co., manufacturers of woollens, etc., have granted an advance of 15 per cent. in wages to their weavers. There are several other manufacturers of the same line, the weavers say, who are expected to grant an advance in wages.

## Train Shot At.

New London, April 4.—As the steamboat train from Brattleboro, Vt., which enters this city over the tracks of the New London and Northern railroad and is due here at 8:15, passed a point near the Montville depot, about ten miles from here, to-night, a pistol shot was fired at the train. The ball passed through one window and out another, in both instances narrowly missing passengers seated in the coach. There is now due to the person who fired the shot, nor can the deed be accounted for.

## TROOPS ON THE WAY.

They Are Needed at Cuba to Find the Insurgents.

Washington, April 4.—The number of Spanish troops in Cuba within thirty days, aggregate 40,000. Upwards of 18,000 are now in Havana and in the different provinces and at least 20,000 more will leave Cadiz this month. The presence of these troops, it is said, does not indicate a belief on the part of the Spanish government that so great a force is necessary to crush out the insurgents, but that they are needed there because of the difficulty of finding the insurgents.

The latter are carrying on a guerrilla warfare and are said not to exceed 3,000 at the utmost. Their operations are confined wholly to Santiago de Cuba, which is filled with great mountain ranges in which the insurgents find refuge whenever pursued by the Spanish troops, and from which it is difficult to dislodge them.

## Price of Bread Raised.

Bridgeport, April 4.—The bakers of Bridgeport met to-day and organized themselves into a Bakers' Protective association. They raised the price of bread and henceforth they will make bread in loaves weighing one pound, one and a half and two pounds. The price is about one cent a pound higher. The bakers claim that this increase in price is necessary.

## IN HONOR OF GOV. MCKINLEY.

PROMINENT NEW HAVEN REPUBLICANS WILL GO TO HARTFORD.

Meeting Held at the Republican League Last Evening—Will Have a Special Train Next Tuesday—Assistant Secretary of State R. S. Hinman Present Last Evening.

A large number of the prominent republicans of the city held a meeting at the Republican league last evening to take some action in regard to making arrangements concerning the trip to Hartford next Tuesday on the occasion of the reception to be given to Governor McKinley of Ohio.

R. S. Hinman, assistant secretary of state and a member of the Hartford committee of arrangements, was present and explained some of the details in regard to the reception to those present. He said that it would be a partially informal affair and that those who went would not be required to wear dress suits.

A special committee on arrangements was appointed. It consists of General George H. Ford, E. H. Beecher and H. E. Munson. Mr. Munson is the treasurer of the committee and will have charge of the tickets. A special train will leave here Tuesday at 5:30 p. m., arriving in Hartford about 6:30. It will leave Hartford for New Haven after the reception about 11:30 o'clock.

It is expected that about fifty gentlemen will go up. Among those who will go are Hon. N. D. Sperry, Hon. James Graham, L. W. Beecher, General E. S. Greeley, General George H. Ford, Herbert E. Benton, Joseph Peck, W. J. Atwater, E. I. Atwater, Ezra D. Fogg, John H. Platt, C. S. Merriell, F. J. Hunn, Judge John P. Studley, N. S. Hoyt, D. D. Horton, E. H. Sperry, C. S. Bates, J. Adams, J. Rice Winchell, J. R. Morse and Mr. Thompson.

## Big Deal Is On.

Ottawa, April 4.—A big deal is on between a wealthy syndicate of Philadelphia capitalists and Canadian lumbermen for several large tracts of timber on the upper Ottawa river. The tracts are some of the most northerly in the Ottawa Valley and have not yet been worked to any extent.

## On a Bicycle Railroad.

New York, April 4.—The joint committee on railways of the Massachusetts legislature was escorted from the Fifth Avenue hotel to-day by E. Moody Boynton to Belleport, L. I., where a small section of the bicycle railroad is in operation. The legislators numbered nine. They were W. H. Hayes, E. B. Harvey, H. H. Atherton, E. P. Johnson, John P. Lynch, M. J. O'Brien, George G. Russell, George H. Milten and J. H. Wilson.

## Lehigh's New President.

Bethlehem, Pa., April 4.—Dr. Thomas M. Brown was to-day elected president of Lehigh university. Dr. Brown is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and was formerly professor of chemistry at Lafayette college. He is now a member of the faculty of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

## Strikers to Hold a Meeting.

Northampton, Mass., April 4.—With 120 men and girls out on strike from Belding's silk mill, the strikers have called a meeting at Temperance hall for to-morrow night. Superintendent Crooks has gone to New York to consult members of the company to see if the claims of the strikers can be granted and promised his answer Monday.

## Tom Titt Knocked Out.

Boston, April 4.—Jerry Connors of Boston knocked out Tom Titt of London in four rounds at the Castle Square Athletic club to-night. The men weighed 130 pounds. There were only ten spectators on each side.

## To Land After Dark.

Washington, April 4.—Collector Kilbreth of New York will soon submit a plan in writing for carrying into effect the landing of passengers after dark. All the essentials have been agreed upon and the plan will probably be put into operation by April 15 or perhaps on the tenth instant.

## Robinson Cruise Is Safe.

Hotel Royal Poinciana, Palm Beach, Fla., April 4.—The rumor that the sloop Robinson Cruise was wrecked off Key Largo was proved false this morning by Captain Bradley of the schooner Pearl, which arrived from Bay Biscayne. Captain Bradley reports that before leaving Biscayne the mail boat which runs between Key West and Biscayne arrived and reported speaking the Cruise about six hours out from Key West. She was then running under single reef and bound for Key West. All on board were well.

## Presented With a Diamond Ring.

Winsted, April 4.—Horton D. Masters, the retiring superintendent of the New England railroad, was presented with a very handsome and costly diamond ring this afternoon by the employees of the road. Masters has occupied the position which he left to-day for two and one-half years.

## At the Bride's Home.

A quiet wedding took place Wednesday evening at the residence of the bride's parents on Whalley avenue, when Miss Grace E. Adams was united in marriage to Frank S. Valentine of Freeport, N. Y. Rev. Dr. Newman Smyth of Center church performed the ceremony. Palms and choice white flowers adorned the pleasant parlors. The bride is a well known young lady of influence among her many friends. She tender her their best wishes. The groom is a young man highly esteemed by all those who have formed his acquaintance. The happy couple left New Haven on a short wedding tour.

## WILL NOT PAY THE BILL.

Commissioners Cannot Receive Pay for Work From the City—Corporation Counsel Ely's Opinion on the Subject.

Commissioner Johnson of the board of public works will never receive his pay for shoeing the horses of the police department if the opinion of Corporation Counsel Ely, which was presented to the board of finance last evening, is sustained.

It will be remembered that at the last meeting of the board when the bill of Commissioner Johnson was presented for approval, a question arose as to its legality and it was voted to refer the entire matter to the corporation counsel for an opinion.

Commissioner Johnson's claim is that as he was not a member of the same board of commissioners for which the work had been done therefore he was not included in the provisions of the charter, which expressly set forth that no commissioner shall do any work and receive any compensation for the same from the city.

The opinion of the corporation counsel, however, clearly upsets this claim and is substantially as follows: "The language of the charter is clear and explicit and it makes no difference whether the orders come through the board of which he is or is not a member, the prohibition covers both. In my opinion, therefore, a member of one of the public boards of this city has no right to do work or furnish material for other boards."

The financiers in view of this opinion decided to return Commissioner Johnson's bill unapproved to the police department and also to send a copy of the opinion to the several boards. The amount of the bill of the commissioner is \$47.

Police Commissioners Prince and Moran and Superintendent Smith appeared before the board and made the statement that the board appropriate \$4,800 for the use of the police department to meet the current expenses of the year. Commissioner Prince told the members of the board that the expenses had been cut down to the very lowest ebb and that the sum asked for was absolutely necessary to carry the department through the year.

All his statements were confirmed by Commissioners Moran and Superintendent Smith. In executive session the city financiers voted to postpone action on the matter until the next monthly meeting.

The board voted to pay ex-Tax Collector Tuttle's bill for \$884.71 for the contingent expenses of the tax collector's office for the year 1894. This bill has been hung up in the board for several months, but last night it was voted almost unanimously to pay it.

After the regular monthly bills of the several departments of the city government had been approved the meeting adjourned.

## An Offer For a Fight.

Boston, April 4.—The Sporting Review is authorized, on behalf of the Castle Square Athletic club of Boston, to offer a purse for a fifteen-round contest between George Lavigne, the Saginaw kid, and Billy Hill, Muldoon's Pickaminy, to take place April 30.

## TESTING THE LIQUOR LAW.

A Connecticut Case in United States Supreme Court.

Washington, April 4.—The applicability of the liquor laws of the state of Connecticut to the drug business is involved in a case submitted to the supreme court to-day. Mason Gray, a pharmacist licensed by the state of Connecticut to pursue the business of pharmacy, and engaged therein in the town of Groton, was arrested and convicted on the charge of selling intoxicating liquors without a license, which was required by the laws of the state.

The county commissioners were charged with the duty of issuing these licenses and they were given discretion to refuse them. The commissioners of New London county evidently did refuse to grant a license to Gray. He appealed from the judgment of conviction by the court of common pleas to the supreme court of errors of the state and thence to the supreme court of the United States. His counsel argued that the state had licensed him to pursue the business of pharmacy; that it was beyond its power, through the board of county commissioners to deprive him arbitrarily of his right to pursue that business, the compounding of drugs with liquors being an essential part, and to do so was to deprive him of his property without due process of law.

The state, through its attorney, answered that the law complained of had been held by the supreme court of the state not to be repugnant to the constitution, and that the right of the state to pass such laws and the fact that they are the sole judges of what those laws shall be had been repeatedly upheld by the supreme court of the United States.

## Very Unique Creed.

Bridgeport, April 4.—The "Rational" club, an organization of 120 members, and with a very unique creed, opened rooms on Lafayette street this city to-day. This club is more appropriately termed a "diet" club, and its aims in existence is to regulate diet, to decide what is good to eat and what is not. The club members live upon food prepared in accordance with Ralston diets. Eighteen hundred people attended the opening and spent most of the day eating Ralston pies, cakes, bread, etc.

## Fishing Schooner Missing.

Gloucester, Mass., April 4.—The schooner Mildred E. Lee, one of the staunchest vessels of the New England fleet, with a crew of sixteen men, which sailed last night from this port on a fresh halibut fishing trip to Grand Bank, has not been heard from. It is supposed she was lost in the great storm of February 8. The vessel was owned by Gardner & Parsons. She was built at Essex in 1891 and was valued at about \$10,000 without fit.

## SHE PREFERS TO BE IN ASHES

VENEZUELA WANTS NOTHING TO DO WITH GREAT BRITAIN.

They Believe Their Interests Will be Protected by the United States and Are Hoping That the Dispute May be Referred to Arbitration.

Washington, April 4.—"Venezuela," said a gentleman to-day who has lived many years in South America, "would rather be reduced to ashes than permit Great Britain to occupy permanently the country in dispute between her and British Guiana." This declaration seems correctly to express the sentiment of the Venezuelan people with reference to this long mooted question. What action Venezuela may ultimately take in the matter is not known, but it is doubtful if the Crespo administration is considering the probability of war. The Venezuelans believe their interests will be protected by the United States and are hopeful that the dispute between them may be referred to arbitration. They insist strenuously that the territory belongs to them, and Great Britain has been encroaching for years.

Great Britain, however, has long maintained that while she will arbitrate some of the points in dispute between the two countries, she will not arbitrate her control of the country now held by her, which embraces about 40,000 square miles and which includes a large portion of the mouth of the Orinoco river. In the correspondence between Mr. Bayard and the Salisbury government in 1888, when Mr. Bayard was secretary, Great Britain asserted that this territory was as much a part of her country as any of her colonial possessions.

More recently still the British representatives have claimed that their ownership of this land could be no more the subject of arbitration than Great Britain's right to any of the countries in England.

## ATTACKED REPORTERS.

An Exciting Scene in the State Capital at Boston.

Boston, April 4.—There was a sensation in the house this afternoon. Mr. Moriarty of Worcester rose in his seat on a question of privilege and attacked one of the reporters in the gallery for an article in a recent issue of a morning paper regarding himself. He said he did it on the advice of several friends and made the charge that this man had taken advantage of his position to "exact tribute from those who were foolish enough to pay it."

The definite form which this had taken, he said, was the reporters urging him to vote for a friend of his to act as stenographer in reporting certain committee hearings before the mercantile affairs committee. The reporter had offered to mention him favorably from time to time in case he did.

He declined to vote for the reporter's friend, and he regarded the attack in the morning paper as a result of his refusal to grant the request.

Great interest is felt as to what action Speaker Meyer, under whose permission the reporters are present at the proceedings, will take in this matter. In case the charge which Mr. Moriarty makes is made good it is though the reporters will have to leave the gallery.

## ELECTRICAL EXECUTION.

Lake Met His Death Without Showing Any Trace of Feeling.

Auburn, N. Y., April 4.—William Lake, the hired man who murdered Emma Louise Hunt of Carleton, N. Y., in October last, and mutilated her body, was put to death by electricity in this prison here at 12:45 o'clock this afternoon.

Lake met death without showing any trace of feeling. When he was seated in the chair he closed his eyes and quietly submitted to being strapped. When all was ready the current was turned on. The body stiffened in the chair and a faint groan was heard. First, 1,740 volts were applied for four seconds and then the current was reduced to 150 volts for twenty-five seconds; then increased to 1,740 volts for three seconds, and reduced to 150 volts and finally turned off. After having been on just one minute Lake was pronounced dead.

The electrocution was the most successful of any which have taken place here.

## ROCK ISLAND TRAIN HELD UP.

Passengers Robbed by a Mounted Band Near Dover, Oklahoma.